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The opening session of the Mission Chamber of the 5th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan was held in Arima, Japan, beginning at 2:00 P.M. on September 6, 1924.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

The opening devotional service with address was conducted by the Rev. L. G. Gray.

The proposed program for the convention as presented by the President was approved.

ROLL CALL. With one exception all members on the field were present and answered to roll call. Those present were:

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt,	Rev. D. G. M. Bach,
Dr. C. K. Lippard,	Rev. G. W. Schillinger,
Dr. L. S. G. Miller,	Rev. A. C. Knudten,
Rev. J. P. Nielsen,	Rev. L. G. Gray,
Rev. E. T. Horn,	Miss Marion Potts,
Rev. C. W. Hepner,	Miss Reba Hendrickson,
Rev. J. K. Linn,	Miss Helen Shirk.

The absent member, Rev. J. A. Linn, was unable to attend on account of the illness of Mrs. Linn.

The Rev. F. W. Heins, newly arrived from America, was enrolled as an associate member.

NEW FULL MEMBERS. It was voted that Miss Helen Shirk and Rev. J. A. Linn, both of whom have concluded the required two years of language study, be admitted to full membership and given the right to vote.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES. The appointment of Convention Committees by the President was announced as follows:—

Business Committee: Revs. Hepner and Nielsen.

Reference Committee: Revs. Miller and Knudten, Miss Hendrickson.

New Business, Resolutions, and Nominations Committee: Dr. Lippard, Miss Potts, Revs. Schillinger and Gray.

GREETINGS. The President then in the name of the Mission extended greetings to the new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Frederick W. Heins, and to Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Nielsen just returned from America; also to Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard, Dr. and Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, and Rev. and Mrs. D. G. M. Bach, all of whom have returned to Japan since our last Annual Convention.

JT. EX. COM. REPORT. The Secretary then read the report of the Joint Executive Committee on actions taken *ad interim*. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MINAMATA. (Action dated July 7, 1923). The amount of Yen 120 was granted to Rev. E. T. Horn as traveling expenses on account of his visitation of the work at Minamata, this amount to be taken from the budget item for New Work and Workers.

Actions of Kyoto Meeting (Sept. 27-28, 1923):

BUDGET. The 1924 Evangelistic Budget was approved in the amount of Yen 60,457.

THORLAKSSON. Rev. Thorlaksson's location was postponed pending the receipt of information as to the time of his return to Japan.

WASA. The committee declined to grant a request from Rev. Wasa for retirement from active service.

YOSHIDA. Theological student Yasunari Yoshida was appointed to work in Moji to take effect from the time of his graduation from the Seminary in March, 1924.

IWANAGA. Evangelist Iwanaga was appointed as a second man to Tokyo, to take up his duties upon the completion of his term of service in the army.

ISHITANI. The following resolution of the Women's Work Committee was considered and approved:

> *"In view of the fact that Ishitani Tsuruo San, who completed three years' Bible training in Kyoritsu Jo Gakko, Yokohama, in June, this year, has expressed her desire and firm decision to do other than evangelistic work, and in view of the fact that her conduct for the past three months has been very unbecoming to one preparing for a responsible position in the Church: Be it resolved*

that Ishitani San be obligated to refund to the Mission Yen 570. (This amount covers board and incidentals only, for three years.)"

IKEGAMI. Likewise the following resolution of the Women's Work Committee was considered and approved:

"Be it resolved: that Ikegami Aiko San, who asks to be released from obligation to the Mission, after having received beneficiary aid for one year in Jo Gakko and for three months in Kyoritsu Jo Gakko Bible Training School, to the amount of Yen 239., be released from her obligation upon payment of the above amount."

SHIINA. With reference to Evangelist Shiina, it was decided that it would be inadvisable to assign him regular work at this time in view of the uncertain condition of his health.

ITO. Regarding Ito Ayao San's application for reinstatement as an evangelist, it was decided to leave the matter with Rev. Mr. Takimoto for further investigation.

OUCHI. With reference to theological student Ouchi, it was decided (a) that his regular student support be continued until March, and (b) that he be informed that at that time relations will cease unless after careful medical investigation the state of his health warrants his continuation in the Seminary.

HARADA. Mr. Harada's request to be allowed to move into another house was refused.

CONVENTION. Voted that the 1924 Convention should meet at Nara in September, the exact date to be decided later.

MUTO. In regard to Mrs. Muto's medical expenses, it was decided to approve of granting the whole amount of Yen 150, this in view of an apparent misunderstanding.

The whole amount of Mr. Muto's traveling expenses was approved; but it was urged that in case of all future removals greater care be exercised to avoid unnecessary expense.

HAKATA RENT. Voted that the rent received from the old parsonage at Hakata should be returned to the Mission Treasurer, and that any amount that may be needed for mats or other repairs should be included in the 1924 budget.

KAWASE. It was decided that the Chairman of this committee should admonish Rev. Kawase to limit his rescue work for women to the requests made of him by the Jiai En (Rescue Home).

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS. Acting upon a re-

solution of the Western District Conference to that effect, the Committee authorized the President of the Nenkwai to address a letter of condolence to the Tokyo Lutherans in the name of the Lutheran Church in Japan, offering all such help as it may be possible to give in this time of great calamity.

Also the two following resolutions were received as information:

(a) A resolution expressing a readiness to give greater support to the orphan work of the Jiai En.

(b) A resolution asking that in times of great calamity, such as the recent Tokyo disaster, the officers of the Nenkwai or the Joint Executive Committee take prompt and appropriate action.

Shimonoseki Building Proposals. With reference to certain land and building proposals made by Rev. Mr. Bach, of Shimonoseki, it was decided to await further investigation by a committee consisting of Horn, Chiga, and Linn.

Ministerial Circulating Library. In regard to the proposed ministerial circulating library, it was decided that as the former committee made no report, we should ask the present Literature Committee in consultation with the Dean of the Seminary to put into effect the action of the Arima Convention concerning this matter.

Pastors' Mutual Aid Fund Rules. In regard to the matter of rules for the governance of the Pastors' Mutual Aid Fund, the special committee already appointed (Stirewalt and Honda) was asked to prepare rules as soon as possible so that they may be presented without fail to the next Convention, after having been approved by the Joint Executive Committee.

Nagoya Personage. Voted that from January, 1924, the pastor in Nagoya would not be allowed a separate house for residence, but that he must remove to either Chikusa or Yaba Cho chapel.

Salary Revision. With regard to the proposed revision of the scale of salaries and allowances for Japanese pastors and evangelists, two sub-committees, consisting of the Japanese and foreign members respectively, of the Joint Executive Committee, were appointed to study the matter and report at the meeting before the next Convention.

Statistical Forms. Chiga and Linn were appointed as a sub-committee on the preparation of statistical forms and church record books.

Girls' School Location. The matter of a reconsideration of the location of the Girls' School was presented by the Eastern District Conference. The committee discussed the proposition at length, but a motion to request such a reconsideration failed of a majority and was lost.

CHIGA. Rev. Mr. Chiga was granted a leave of absence of about one month on account of ill health.

HENDRICKSON. (Action dated Sept., 1923.) The committee voted in favor of changing the proposed location of Miss Reba M. Hendrickson from Kumamoto to Fukuoka.

OKUMA. (Oct. 29, 1923.) Voted to grant Evangelist Okuma the sum of Yen 100.00 with which to pay indebtedness incurred by the illness of his wife.

CHIGA MEDICAL AID. (Dec. 18, 1923.) Rev. Mr. Chiga was granted Yen 100.00 as medical aid on account of illness in his family.

IWANAGA. (Dec. 18, 1923.) Voted to approve Evangelist Iwanaga's course in remaining in the army until March, 1924, in order to receive higher rank with its attending privileges, and to grant him the sum of Yen 100.00 for the four months, December to March inclusive, the same being reckoned at the previous rate plus Yen 5.00 per month for commendable service.

GIRLS' SCHOOL—AKARD. (Jan. 11, 1924.) Upon recommendation of the Girls' School Promoting Committee, this committee voted to approve of the appointment of Miss Martha B. Akard to become Principal of the proposed Girls' School at Kumamoto.

GIRLS' SCHOOL—POTTS. (Jan. 11, 1924.) Upon recommendation of the Girls' School Promoting Committee, this committee likewise voted to approve of the appointment of Miss Marion Potts to work in the proposed Girls' School at Kumamoto, her exact position in the school to be designated later.

OKUMA SPECIAL ALLOWANCE. (Jan. 11, 1924.) On account of the continued illness of Mrs. Okuma, of Shimonoseki, it was decided to grant to Mr. Okuma as long as needed a special monthly allowance of Yen 30.

Actions of Kobe Meeting (Feb. 13, 1924):

NAKAHARA YOMOKURO. Nakahara Yomokuro, aged 23, a member of the Kyoto Lutheran Church, and a student in the Kyoto Imperial University, to graduate in March, 1925, desires to be sent to America for Theological study after his graduation. The Executive Committee, being satisfied as to his exceptional qualifications, voted to approve his request, provided there is no change in his attitude and circumstances at the time of his graduation.

ORGANIZATION SHIMONOSEKI AND KYOTO CHURCHES. Voted to recognize and approve the organization of the Shimonoseki Church as from January, 1924; and of the Kyoto Church as from February, 1924. This

action was taken upon the basis of information satisfactory to the committee that these congregations had fulfilled the requirements of the rules as to membership, finance, etc.

TOKYO RELIEF WORK. With reference to the Tokyo Earthquake Relief Work, the following actions were taken:

(a) Voted that the Joint Executive Committee should receive from the Mission and assume full responsibility for the use of relief funds sent out by the Foreign Mission Board.

(b) Voted to take over and approve of the proposal made by the Tokyo Prefectural authorities with reference to the use of Red Cross funds for the erection of an additional Widows' and Children's Home, and to allow out of our relief funds such expenses as may be necessary, up to and including the purchase of land rights, though not for the purchase of land itself. Note: The main points in the above mentioned proposal are as follows:

The Prefectural authorities will furnish:—

Lumber	¥ 12,000
Labor	26,650
Equipment	3,198
Land rent, 6 months	540
Total	¥ 42,388

They wish to approve of building plans, and of the person placed in charge, and require the work to be carried on for six months, during which time at least they claim ownership.

Though not officially stated, it is thought that if at the end of that time they are satisfied with the management, they may give over the ownership and full responsibility.

(c) Voted to try to find a suitable woman to have direct charge of this Home. Rev. A. J. Stirewalt was appointed as superintendent.

(d) Voted to take over the Old People's Home and the Widows' and Children's Home already opened on the lot belonging to the Spanish Legation, this work to be conducted henceforth in fact as well as in name by the Japan Lutheran Church through its authorized agency, the Joint Executive Committee.

(e) Voted to elect a Relief Committee consisting of the Tokyo missionary and pastor, Revs. Stirewalt and Honda, together with one Japanese and one missionary member of the Joint Executive Committee, this committee of four to be responsible to the Joint Executive Committee; and to have charge of all present relief work, to make plans for the

use of the balance of money on hand, and to have charge of the execution of said plans when approved, subject to regulations to be decided upon later.

The additional members elected are Rev. E. T. Horn and Rev. K. Takimoto.

NEXT MEETING. It was decided that the next meeting of the committee should be held in Tokyo on May 6th.

YAMAUCHI ROKURO. (Mar. 6, 1924.) Voted to accept Yamauchi Rokuro as a beneficiary student for the ministry, his support to begin with April, the opening of the new school year, it being understood that he is to enter our own Seminary at Kumamoto.

POTTS—FUKUOKA. (Mar. 17, 1924.) Voted that Miss Potts be temporarily stationed in Fukuoka, in case Miss Hendrickson becomes Business Secretary to the Mission, it being understood that she is to remain there until she goes on furlough next year.

SHIRK—LOCATION. (Mar. 17, 1924.) Voted that Miss Shirk be stationed in Fukuoka from September, 1924.

KINDERGARTEN APPOINTMENTS. (Mar. 17, 1924.) Voted that Matsuoka Masako San be appointed to the Kurume Kindergarten, and Kanamori Mitsuko San to the Ogi Kindergarten, from the time of their graduation from the Kindergarten Training School in March of this year.

BIBLE WOMEN APPOINTMENTS. (Mar. 17, 1924.) Voted that Uyama San be appointed as Bible Woman to Fukuoka, and that Hatanaka Tsuyako San be lent as Bible Woman to Tokyo, after their graduation from school in June, 1924.

Note: The four preceding actions were taken upon recommendation of the Women's Work Committee of the Mission.

KONDO YASUKO. (Mar. 18, 1924.) Voted to approve of the action taken by the Women's Work Committee regarding Kondo Yasuko San, namely, that she be received as a beneficiary student and sent to the Glory Kindergarten Training School in Kobe, and also that we refund for her Jo Gakko education Yen 376.50 scholarship money to Fukuoka Jo Gakko.

TOMIOKA YONEKO. (Mar. 18, 1924.) Voted to approve of the action taken by the Women's Work Committee regarding Tomioka Yoneko San, namely, that she be received as a beneficiary student, for training for Kindergarten work.

AOYAMA SHIRO. (Mar. 25, 1924.) Voted that Aoyama Shiro be accepted as a beneficiary student for the ministry, to enter our Seminary in April, 1924.

Sakai Yoshio. (Mar. 25, 1924.) Voted that Sakai Yoshio be accepted as a beneficiary student for the ministry, to enter our Seminary in April, 1924.

Actions of Tokyo Meeting (May 6-9, 1924):

Date of Convention. The date of the 1924 Convention was decided upon as follows:

Joint Executive Committee Meeting—	September	11th, 1:00 P.M.
Opening of Convention-Organization—	"	13th, Afternoon.
Meeting of Joint Ministerium—	"	13th, Night.
Joint Closing Service—	"	17th, Night.

Program committee: Revs. Stirewalt and Honda.

Iwanaga—Status. Voted that rather than open up a new center in Tokyo, Evangelist Iwanaga be assigned to the work of assisting in the various church and relief activities at present being carried on, that he be directed to work under the guidance and direction of Revs. Stirewalt and Honda, and that he be known as assistant evangelist (hojo dendosha).

Norman. Voted that Rev. C. E. Norman be re-located in Fukuoka upon his return to Japan this fall.

Shiina. Voted that Evangelist Shiina be located in Karatsu, his appointment to take effect at once.

Takegoshi. Voted that Takegoshi San (helper at Moji) be dropped as an evangelistic helper, that his relations cease and he be asked to vacate the Moji chapel by the time of Mr. Yoshida's removal to Moji, and that his salary be continued until June of this year.

In reply to a request from Rev. Mr. Wasa, it was decided to state that we think it inadvisable on the ground of insufficient qualification to send Takegoshi San to Naogata as a helper, and therefore decline to grant the request.

Ordination Candidates. Voted to refer to the Examination Committee of the Joint Ministerium the following three men for examination with a view to ordination at the coming Convention in September of this year:

T. Takase, Omuta—Recommended by Revs. Ishimatsu and J. K. Linn.

T. Tsuboike, Hita—Recommended by Revs. Inadomi, Miura and J. K. Linn.

S. Okuma, Shimonoseki—Recommended by Revs. Inadomi, Miura and Bach.

Hita Church Organization. Voted to approve the organization of the Hita congregation into a church. The following data were given:

Present communicant members—38. The local income includes monthly subscriptions—¥27.00 per month; Sunday offerings—¥5.00 per month; and Sunday School offerings—¥1.70 per month.

Ouchi. Voted to grant theological student Ouchi San, an extension of his support until September, 1924, and to appoint Revs. Horn and Linn as a committee to consult with and advise him with reference to the care of his health, and if thought advisable to grant him special aid in addition to his regular student's allowance.

Okuma. Voted to continue until the September meeting of this committee the special allowance of ¥30.00 per month on account of Mrs. Okuma's illness.

Osaka—Caretaker. Voted to grant an allowance of ¥15.00 per month to Osaka station for a caretaker at the Osaka chapel.

Widows' and Children's Home. Voted to close the Widows' and Children's Home on the grounds of the Spanish Legation in Azabu as soon as the one in Honjo is opened, and to move its occupants to the Honjo Home.

J. A. Linn—Location. Voted to locate Rev. J. A. Linn in Moji from September of this year, with the understanding that he is to be the associate missionary likewise of Yawata, Naogata, and Kanezaki stations, which have hitherto been visited by the missionary from Fukuoka.

Relief Committee Report. Voted to accept the report of the Relief Committee on the location of the Widows' and Children's Home in Honjo, and on the general building plans. The principal data are as follows:

Land— 317 tsubo rented @ 29 sen per month for five years.
34 tsubo rented @ 28 sen per month for three years.
Buildings—About 205 tsubo of floor space planned.
Exact estimates in process of being secured.
Location— 34 San Chome, Yanagiwara Machi, Honjo, Tokyo.

Ruteru. Voted to ask the editors of the "Ruteru" to put into effect the action of the 1923 Kumamoto Convention with reference to their *all* assuming an active responsibility for a share in the editorial work, and to express the desire that they seek to improve the character of the paper by publishing a greater variety of material.

Takashima. Voted to ask the Literature Committee to lighten the labors of Rev. Mr. Takashima by releasing him from translation work on the S. S. Lesson Commentary.

Japanese Member Girls' School Zaidan. Member elected to Girls' School Zaidan: Rev. Inoko Miura.

Japanese Members Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan. The following were nominated for membership on the Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan:

Rev. Kotaro Takimoto—Osaka.
Mr. Toyosuke Tamaki—Omuta.

Old People's Home—Land. (June 14, 1924.) Voted that we purchase for ¥10,000.00 the tract of land of 539 tsubo at 302-304 Aza Koenji, Suginami Machi, Toyotama Gun, Tokyo Fu, as the new location of our Old People's Home, and that the Home be moved to that location at once.

Kameyama. (June 14, 1924.) Voted to grant Mrs. Kameyama Hideko support to the amount of ¥25.00 per month until such time as the Joint Executive Committee may see fit to alter or revoke this action.

Honda—Medical Aid. (June 21, 1924.) Voted to grant to Rev. D. Honda, from the item of General Incidentals, the amount of ¥100.00 to meet his financial needs occasioned by the illness of himself and family.

Aoyama—Medical Aid. (July 19, 1924.) Voted that, because of expenses incurred through Mrs. Aoyama's prolonged illness, we grant to Rev. H. Aoyama the amount of ¥200.00, the same to be taken from our General Incidental fund.

Women's and Children's Home—Sale of Building. (July 19, 1924.) Voted that Revs. A. J. Stirewalt and D. Honda be authorized to sell the building of the Women's and Children's Home in Azabu at such price as they may be able to secure for it, with the understanding that it be removed from the lot of the Spanish Legation as soon as said building is vacated.

Convention—Change of Time and Place. (July 25, 1924.) Since for a number of reasons it seemed undesirable to hold the Convention as previously decided upon, it was voted that the time and place for the opening of the 1924 Convention be changed from September 13th at Nara to September 6th at Arima, if the necessary arrangements for hotel accommodations and place of meeting can be made at Arima.

It was voted that the report as a whole be accepted and approved.

Note: The item with reference to the location of the Rev. J. A. Linn in Moji was temporarily eliminated and postponed for discussion at a later time, but was subsequently approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. J. P. Nielsen.

Social Meeting. By a slight change in the program, the joint social meeting, in charge of the Rev. H. Inadomi was combined with the supper hour, running from 5:30 to 7:30. After dinner speeches were made by various members of the Mission and of the Nenkwai, and mutual good feeling was manifest.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

September 7, 1924.

Joint services were held as follows:

10:00 A.M.—Morning Service conducted by Rev. J. K. Linn.
Sermon by Rev. T. Yonemura.
Preparatory and Communion Services conducted by Rev. E. T. Horn (substituting for Rev. T. Chiga).
Distribution of elements: Revs. Miller and Chiga.
7:30 P.M.—Prayer Meeting conducted by Dr. C. K. Lippard.

September 8, 1924, 8:30 A.M.

The morning session of the Mission was opened with a devotional service and address by Rev. F. W. Heins (substituting for Rev. J. A. Linn, absentee).

JAPANESE-AMERICAN QUESTION. The Secretary read the following message which had been received from our Japanese brethren with reference to recent Japanese-American relations:

The following communication was received from the Japanese Chamber of the Japan Lutheran Church:

REV. A. J. STIREWALT, PRESIDENT, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE JAPAN MISSION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Dear Friends:—

We, the members of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Japan, with one accord desire to express heart-felt appreciation and thanks for your communication, received the 22nd of this month, with reference to the Japan-American question.

We most deeply regret the clauses relating particularly to the Japanese, in the new Immigration Law, recently passed by the American Congress, because be believe that the problems involved might have been settled in a quiet way, and that such hasty action toward a friendly nation has unnecessarily caused grave misunderstandings. If the present situation be allowed to continue, we are unable to say to what the strained feeling between the two nations may lead. This state of affairs we deeply deplore.

As expressed in your splendid statement, we believe the manifestation of the spirit of universal brotherhood to be the crying need of the

hour. As brethren in Christ, forgetting the boundaries of race and country, rising above all man made distinctions, in the spirit of Christ, our Lord, we, as the light of the world, as well as the salt of the earth, should labor and strive together for the attainment of this ideal. This we consider to be our natural Christian duty, as well as our sacred privilege.

Your appreciated communication will be immediately sent to all our churches and preaching places.

With most sincere thanks,

Yours most sincerely,

K. Takimoto, *President,*
D. Honda, *Secretary.*

Voted that we express to the Nenkwai our pleasure in having received such a hearty expression of good-will, and that we record their message in our minutes.

President's Report. The President read his annual report as follows:

Dear Co-Workers:

In His divine purpose, our Heavenly Father has, since our last Convention, preserved both the life and faculties of each member of our Mission, and in spite of contrary forces, He has still preserved unto us the open door to the hearts of these people for service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. For these things, we are in duty bound to lift up our hearts in humble gratitude.

During this same period, Mrs. Okuma, the wife of Evangelist Okuma of Shimonoseki, and Mrs. Watanabe, the wife of Pastor Watanabe of Saga, have been removed from our midst, and taken to their heavenly home. It would be well for us to extend to these bereaved families our sympathy with the assurance that though God's ways are past finding out, He doeth all things well. It would also be well to express our sympathy to Mrs. Aoyama, the wife of Rev. Aoyama of Kobe, and to Mrs. Yoshida, the wife of Evangelist Yoshida of Moji, whose health has been a matter of serious concern, and assure them of our prayers, in their behalf.

That Evangelist Shiina who, because of ill health, had been compelled to withdraw from the active work for a year and a half, has recovered, and is now in charge of our work at Karatsu, is a matter of gratitude.

Since our last Convention, there have returned to America, Miss Maude Powlas, the Norman family, Miss Akard, and Miss Annie Powlas. These departures, however, have been offset by the return to the field of the Lippard family, the Bach family, the Miller family, and just as we open this Convention, we greet the Nielsen family on their return, and Rev. and Mrs. Heins, new missionaries, on their arrival. To these we

extend our most cordial and fraternal welcome. With the return of the Thorlaksson and Norman families within the next two months, we will have on the field as many missionaries as we can expect at any given time, under the Mission's present membership; and if it is our desire to maintain this degree of force on the field, it would be well to solicit the Board to still further increase the membership of our Mission. This is all the more imperative when we consider the new forms of work we are now undertaking, and especially that for which women are needed.

Two graduates of our Theol. Seminary, Mr. Iwanaga, and Mr. Yoshida, have entered our evangelistic work in Tokyo and Moji, respectively; but Miss Otsuka who had been working as Bible woman in Osaka was married, in the early summer, to Evangelist Yoshida, thus leaving the Osaka field without a Bible woman, but during this Convention, you will be asked to act on the appointment of a new Bible woman to this field.

We welcome the return, after study abroad, of Rev. I. Miura, and Rev. S. Sato, and await the arrival of Prof. Asaji at the end of this month. It would seem that these three men added to our Seminary teaching staff, should place the institution on a stronger basis than it has ever been heretofore. Our middle school also now has its full complement of missionary force, and should be in a position to do its best work.

Considering our evangelistic field, there are places in which we should have missionaries, if we are to conform to the needs and opportunities of these places. Our own Lutheran work is of such a nature that for some time to come, the missionary of the proper qualifications will continue to be an important, and perhaps indispensable, factor, in the proper establishment of our church in this land.

Any one actually facing the problem of placing suitable Japanese workers in our present stations, not to mention the need of opening new work, nor the certainty that some of our more aged co-workers will cease to be with us in the near future, is impressed with the dire need of recruiting forces for the work. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. Our field is calling for additional workers, and we have none to give. Our situation is most serious. Is there no way by which we can present, to properly endowed youths, the call to the ministry, in terms of spiritual values, that will compete with the values offered by business concerns of the present age? Are there no more youths in our churches who are open to the appeal to give themselves in service to their Lord? Or, have we sufficiently prayed for the laborers which are so greatly needed? May it not be that wrestling in prayer, on this behalf would entreat the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest, than we can persuade to enter it through our entreaties? Does not our faith recognize His power to send workers, and His willingness to do so, in answer to our prayer?

We were informed by cable of the death of Dr. M. M. Kinard of the Mission Board, and of Mrs. Beegle of the Women's Board, both

deaths occurring on March 13. We recognize the loss to the Mission cause, in the death of these two persons, and desire to record our appreciation of the service they rendered. It would be well to communicate to our Board, our sense of appreciation and sympathy.

It is practically one year and a half since we last met in Convention. This period has been marked by a number of happenings which have affected this nation to its foundations, and which have made Japan more familiarly known to the outside world. The earthquake and its resultant calamity and relief measures, the change of government, the marriage of the Prince Regent, the attempt to take his life, the stride made toward universal manhood suffrage, the attitude of the nation toward bureaucracy, and the American legislation regarding Japanese immigration into the United States, are incidents of significance to those who are concerned about Japan's future, and especially to Christian workers, who have at heart the problem of influencing Japanese thought.

Never before in human history had there been a natural disaster involving so much human life and property. 150,000 lives, and property to the extent of five and a half billion yen, without including the loss sustained by the army, and without consideration of the loss to individuals through unemployment, brought about a condition in the Kwanto district which could only be met by an iron persistence goaded on by an unmerciful necessity. All Japan, government and individuals, rallied to the call for help. The response of Christians in Japan and abroad so attracted the attention of the government, that the Christian forces have been entrusted with a very complimentary degree of responsibility and government funds, for continuing indefinitely, the social work necessary to meet the needs of those who were rendered helpless and otherwise uncared for. The spirit of Christ in His people so responded to the critical need that a door, great and effectual, was opened to the Christian forces, not only for a greater entrance into the sphere of social work, but through it, into the sphere of distinctively Gospel work. In February of this year, the Government officials made requests, endowed with money, to Buddhist, Christian, and purely humanitarian organizations to enter upon, or to continue, various forms of such work. One of the officials recently told me that a large number of those who accepted the government's proposition afterwards withdrew from the undertaking. From the beginning, the number of Christian organizations undertaking this work was most conspicuous, and of this number, I know of none which have since withdrawn. The disaster created an occasion for Christianity to show its practical worth. Through the confidence that the government placed in Christians and in their ability to administer to the needs of the destitute, Christianity was given an enhanced opportunity to present the Gospel of Salvation to many who otherwise would never hear it. Usually with limited funds and forces, but with willing hearts, Christians were able to render relief to a degree which readily became a considerable historical

entity. All nations sympathized, and many assisted. Not only were funds sent through the American Red Cross to the extent of 24 million yen, but the constituency of American Mission Boards, including our own, gave liberally. The donations by Americans for relief work totaled 40 million yen (20 million dollars). Never before in the history of the world, did the people of one nation contribute to the needs of those of another nation on such a stupendous scale. The Japanese people were bewildered, but filled with gratitude to, and admiration for, their neighbor across the Pacific. Constantly, in traveling about, our nationality was asked, and when the answer was given, a bow with an expression of profound gratitude was made. Such incidents occurred not only with those of the so-called more polite classes, but also on the part of many whom we would not have supposed knew what the American people did in relief of their countrymen. It seemed that God was using the disaster and the manifestation of American sympathy to open the hearts of the people of this nation to an appreciation and receptibility of the Gospel of Christ. It gave boldness to Christian workers. The immediate spiritual effects of the disaster seemed to be a quickened religious consciousness, and an additional argument on the part of the officials for national and individual frugality, though it is a question if, except in cases where necessity enforced it, the people are more frugal than before.

But the last of the American Relief funds had scarcely been turned over to the Japanese authorities, when the American revision of laws affecting Oriental immigration, and that of Japan in particular, since she, up until this time, had been given preferential consideration, brought about a situation which became most embarrassing, and which for a time seemed threatening to Christian work. But under the grace of God, our working relationship with our Japanese brethren has been unaffected, and I know of no case in the entire Christian cause in which a break was advocated, except in a few instances of Japanese of more or less influence, whose work has been apart from, and independent of, that done through association with missionaries. However, these few men who have been rather anti-missionary during a considerable past, sought to capitalize the situation and present their ideas through the secular press. But they have since ceased to agitate. It is unfortunate, however, that many, both in Japan and in America, were so free to express themselves in terms uncomplimentary to the other. We, as a Mission, for the sake of understanding and conciliation made an expression of our attitude toward the matter, to our Japanese brethren, and co-workers. This elicited a very cordial and fraternal reply in which we are assured that continued and brotherly relationship in the work is desired. I may also state that while the question was under the height of discussion, I attended a number of conferences in Tokyo, both with Japanese Christian workers, and with missionaries alone, and only once was an unreasonable

thought given expression, and this was speedily rectified by subsequent remarks.

For a time the immigration question seemed to afford occasion for testing the brotherly attitude of Japanese Christians toward American Christians, but now it is more generally known than before, that while America is called a Christian country, there are forces other than Christian which have influence, and that the law-makers of the land did not represent the spirit of the active Christian forces in America who are sympathetic with the Japanese in this matter. The re-assurance that has been given the Japanese on this point, by American Christians has eliminated all fear of rupture in Christian work in Japan, and without doubt, our fraternal relationship is as strong, if not stronger, than before. But we as missionaries, in the midst of this people whose feelings have been injured, have a wonderful opportunity to contribute to international conciliation and friendship, without which there would be an exceedingly limited receptivity, for the Gospel message, on the part of the unconverted masses. Having come unto the Kingdom at such a time as this, we find ourselves carrying great responsibility, and in need of divine grace to faithfully mediate so that the people of each nation may better understand those of the other.

If statistics are to be taken seriously, it would seem that during the year 1923, we did not add to our membership as much as we did the previous year, nor as much as we should have added. There even seems to have been a falling off, in both the number of S. Schools, and in the total number of pupils. A gratifying feature, however, is that there seems to have been an increased attendance at our Sunday morning, Sunday evening, prayer meeting, and communion services. It would seem that organized work for young women is at a minimum. It would be sad to think that our statistics represent the actual situation. There is reason to believe that a considerable amount of effort with good results is expended in behalf of this class. But if there is any one class, regarding age, which has been most neglected, with greatest loss to our cause, it is the class including middle age and upward. It is easier to approach young people. It is easier to persuade them to our faith. This class must not be neglected, but it is extremely difficult to build up a permanent work out of this class alone. It would be well to emphasize, and make plans for reaching those of more mature age, who are more settled in their location, and whose presence and influence in the church contribute toward poise and permanency. One difficulty in reaching this class is that they do not have the leisure that most young people, especially students, have on Sunday.

On this matter of Sunday observance, it would be well for us to give some serious thought. Our church rightly dislikes anything which savors of legalism, but if we could, to a greater extent, emphasize the observance of the Lord's Day, as a privilege and spiritual asset to the

individual, its results would, without doubt, contribute not only to a larger attendance at Sunday worship, but such attendance would contribute to a greater spiritual life of the individual, and hence to a greater interest in the things of the Kingdom. But so long as people do not set apart a time for spiritual things, it is rather too much to expect them to possess any great degree of interest in such. Our co-workers themselves being weak on this point, make it all the more difficult to rectify the matter; but a good degree of effort both with our people and with our people and with our co-workers would be well worth while.

In finance our church has advanced from ¥7,356.17 for all purposes in 1922, to ¥9,495.37 in 1923 (increase 29 + %); and from ¥1,290.63 on pastor's salaries to ¥1,849. This is an increase of 43 1/3%.

The National Christian Council in Japan was organized last November, and is now functioning. With the organization of the Council, the Federation of Christian Churches ceased to exist. The Federation of Christian Missions continues to exist, but it has turned over to the newly organized Council some of its work, and is in the process of handing over a still greater part. The future of the Federation of Christian Missions is not yet determined, but it is likely that practically all of its work will soon be turned over to the Council, and that if the Federation continues to exist at all, it will be in the form of a general Summer Conference, instead of a delegated body, as at present.

We are one of the four more prominent Missions which have not yet entered the Council. It would be well for us at this Convention, to determine whether we will link up with, and become a constituent body of the newly organized Council, or whether with the decline, and perhaps entire passing away of the Federation of Christian Missions, we shall exist without relationship to other bodies. Having been a member of the Council's organization Committee from the beginning, I am prepared to say that it is not ideal, but perhaps as near ideal as it is possible to approach, considering the variety of constituent bodies for which it was organized. The Nenkwai, the Japanese body of our church, entered and became a constituent body of the Council last Spring. In making the choice, I am persuaded that it would be better for our Mission to enter rather than to remain apart from the general Christian cause in this country. 19 Japanese bodies and 21 Mission bodies now constitute the Council.

In this connection, our attention is called to the first large work the Christian Council has undertaken, viz., the launching and carrying on of a nation wide evangelistic campaign which is to begin next month. The invitation has been extended to us, to take part in this campaign, even though we do not become a member of the Council. The desired contribution to the Council, in this behalf, would be ¥110. The Nenkwai of our church, having become a member of the Council, will naturally

take part in this campaign. For this, as well as for other reasons, it would seem wise that we connect ourselves with this movement.

The clerical work necessary to carry on our Mission has become very considerable. We have created the office of Business Secretary, and have designated one of our number to perform the duties of this office. In order that this Business Secretary may relieve the officers of the Mission to the greatest possible extent, it would be well to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, or, have one person elected to both offices, so that the Business Secretary, because of location, could the more readily help in the work of both offices. This would affect the personnel of the Executive Committee, but a slight alteration in our Constitution would remedy the difficulty.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) A. J. Stirewalt.

Voted to receive the report and refer it to the Reference Committee.

Individual Reports. At the President's suggestion, it was voted that we hear the reading of the reports of individual missionaries made to the President before the Convention, he having found it impracticable to embody these in his own report.

In accordance with this action, such reports were read by the following: Bach, Hepner, Miss Hendrickson, Miss Potts, Lippard, J. K. Linn, Schillinger and Knudten.

On motion it was voted to receive these reports as information.

Japanese Salary Revision. At the request of the Mission members of the Joint Executive Committee, it was voted to take up for consideration the matter of an upward revision of the salary scale of Japanese pastors and evangelists.

Discussion followed, but no definite action was taken at this time.

Mrs. Aoyama. The Business Committee reported that as a result of a canvas made of the members of the Mission and the Nenkwai, a fund of ¥63 had been raised to be sent along with a letter as an expression of sympathy to Mrs. Aoyama in her long and painful affliction.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again at 2:00 o'clock with the understanding that we should adjourn again at 3:30 in order to give committees time to work.

September 8, 1924, 2:00 P.M.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Dr. L. S. G. Miller.

The Business Committee reported as follows:

1. Japanese Business Committee. Revs. Inadomi and Watanabe, are the members of the Japanese Business Committee.

2. Informal Conference. The Nenkwai proposes that we change to tomorrow night the informal conference that had been arranged for tonight.

In regard to this proposal the Mission voted to make a substitute proposal that the informal conference be eliminated altogether as it is not a part of the official program of the Convention and as we shall need the time for other matters.

Japanese Salaries. On motion it was voted to take up item by item the proposals made in the Jt. Ex. Com. by the Japanese members of that body.

The results were as follows:

1. The proposal to make a distinction in the amount of salaries on the basis of large cities, smaller cities, towns or country.

The Mission disapproves of a distinction on this basis.

2. A distinction between ordained and unordained men.

The Mission approves, but does not specify the amount.

3. A distinction on the basis of the financial strength and status of the individual church. The Mission disapproves.

4. An increase in the rate of the annual increase.

The Mission considers favorably.

The Joint Executive Committee made the following six recommendations, off of which were approved by the Mission:

1. Okuma and Watanabe. Voted that the salaries of these two men, whose wives have recently died leaving children, be continued as heretofore, on the basis of married men's salaries.

2. Miss Yoshida. Voted that a Miss Yoshida, who has been examined and approved by the Women's Work Committee, be accepted as a Bible Woman, and that she be located in Osaka, subject to the same rules as to salary, etc., as are now in force for Bible Women working under the Women's Work Committee.

3. Okuma—Sick Leave. Voted to grant Evangelist Okuma a two months' leave of absence on account of fatigue and illness.

4. Takimoto Yukio. Voted to approve the request of beneficiary student, Takimoto Yukio, to be allowed to take his military service immediately after his graduation from Waseda University next spring.

5. Chiga—Medical Aid. Voted to grant Rev. T. Chiga as medical aid the amount of ¥200.00, and in addition to lend him without interest as much as ¥100.00, this latter amount to be deducted from his salary at the rate of ¥10.00 per month. (Note: Later Mr. Chiga said that he would accept only ¥100.00, and asked for a loan of ¥200.00.)

6. Inadomi—Pastor K. G. Church. Voted to approve the request of the Kyushu Gakuin Church for Rev. Hajime Inadomi as pastor.

As the time for adjournment had come, it was voted to extend the time for one half hour, until 4:00 o'clock.

The Report of the Joint Literature Committee was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. C. W. Hepner, as follows:

REPORT OF THE JOINT LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

During the past year, your Literature Committee has been serving also as a Sunday School Committee. Hence our duties have been twofold.

First, at the definite request of our Western Conference, that something be done by this Committee to meet the great demand for Sunday School literature, with special reference to the needs of Sunday School teachers themselves, your Committee determined to undertake the translation of the Lutheran Sunday School Lesson Commentary for 1924. Monthly instalments of the same have been accordingly issued, thus supplying our Sunday School teachers with distinctly Lutheran literature. For the sake of convenience, the order of the Lessons in our monthly issue has been rearranged to correspond to the International S. S. Lessons in general use.

Since the course designs a comprehensive study of the old and New Testaments in two years, our labors, if continued for another year, would finish two valuable books of reference for our S. S. teachers, besides making a permanent contribution to the literature of our Japanese Lutheran Church.

Secondly. The most important piece of work engaging your Committee for the past year has been the translation of The Common Service Book.

In the execution of this task, we have been faithful to the text of the Common Service of the United Lutheran Church, except very minor

points, such as the omission of certain rubrics, thought to be inapplicable to conditions in our Japanese Church, or the insertion of a word, for example, "shinsai," calamity by earthquake, in the General Prayer.

Whatever direct quotations of Scripture occur, are taken from the recognized translation in general use.

While we gratefully acknowledge our debt to the labors of others in the past, be it clearly understood that our contribution is not a revision, but a new translation.

Your Committee has submitted its work in mimeographed copies to each member of the "Nenkwai" and of the Mission for suggestions and criticisms.

Before final adoption by your Committee, not only were all such suggestions and criticisms duly considered, but also to guard further against error, linguistic specialists were carefully consulted.

We regret that time prevented the publication of the entire book before this Convention, but we are glad to be able to place in your hands in printed form, the following parts, most urgently needed:

1. The Chief Service.
2. The Communion Service.
3. Introits and Collects.
4. Infant Baptismal Service.
5. Adult Baptismal Service.

In addition we have provided mimeographed copies of the Ordination Service for use at this Convention.

We should be able by the end of this year to complete the entire Common Service Book, including, in addition to the parts above mentioned, the following:

1. Order of Confirmation.
2. Order of The Burial of the Dead.
3. Order of Marriage.
4. Order for The Installation of a Pastor.
5. Order for The Dedication of a Church.
6. Order for The Installation of a Church Council.

Your Committee has met four times during the past year; twice in Kumamoto, once in Ashiya, and once in Nojiri.

In conclusion we desire to make the following recommendations:

1. That this Convention approve the rendition of the New Service as submitted by the Literature Committee, and that it be used by all our stations.

2. Recognizing the importance of the Sunday School Committee, and deeming the work of our joint committee too heavy, we recommend the appointing of a separate Sunday School Committee.

3. We recommend that the plan for a Circulating Library for Ministers be approved and put into operation, as agreed upon by this Committee, in consultation with the Acting Dean of the Seminary.

C. W. Hepner, *Chairman,*
Hajime Inadomi, *Secretary,*
Edward T. Horn,
Sadahisa Takashima.

The report of the Committee was accepted and approved.

At this time also copies of the new translation of the Service Book were distributed.

On motion the Mission took a rising vote of thanks to the members of this Committee for their faithful and commendable work, and asked the Business Committee to convey this action likewise to the Japanese members of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. with prayer by Dr. Lippard.

September 9, 1924, 8:30 A.M.

The morning session was opened with devotional services and an address by Miss Helen Shirk.

The Business Committee reported that the Nenkwai had agreed to eliminate the informal conference from the program in accordance with the suggestion of the Mission yesterday.

The greater part of the forenoon was given over to the reading of reports of standing committees, etc.

Report of Kyushu Gakuin. The Dean of K. G. read his report as follows:

REPORT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN.

This year Kyushu Gakuin has entered upon the fourteenth year of its existence as a Christian educational institution. There are many things yet to be desired, but we are glad to be able to report some progress along various lines.

Those of us who are directly connected with Kyushu Gakuin and know from the inside in regard to the ups and downs of Christian educational work are probably less satisfied with results, both educationally and religiously, than any others. Yet, we do believe that Kyushu Gakuin is doing a work that is accomplishing much at the present, and will mean

much more for the future, in bringing in the Kingdom in the Empire of Japan.

The religious work of such an institution is as difficult as any other evangelistic work. However, God has blessed us spiritually and a number of the students have been brought to Christ. The regular religious work, along with special services from time to time, has been carried on with very good results. At the present there are 107 Christians in the student body. With one exception, these are all in the four upper classes as there was only one Christian among the 149 boys entering in April, and, as yet, none of these first year boys have been baptized.

Educationally we have been able to hold our own, though in various respects we are not up to the standard of the government schools around us in equipment. However, it is a very pleasing fact that this year, in the annual report of the Superintendent of Education for the Kumamoto District, Kyushu Gakuin is the only school singled out for special mention. Our school is complimented for its school spirit and excellent educational results.

In March of this year our graduating class numbered 67, two of whom in April entered our Theological Seminary. When the entrance examinations were held in April there were 357 applicants of whom 149 were admitted, giving an enrolment at the present time of about 650.

It has been with great regret that, since the beginning of the present year, we have had to give up Prof. J. Murakami who was chosen to become head teacher of our new Girls' School, Kyushu Jo Gakuin. Mr. Murakami had been with us from the time Kyushu Gakuin was founded and had always been most efficient.

We are glad to report that we have the promise of a first class man to take Mr. Murakami's place in the English Department. This is Rev. Kosaka, just completing a course at Vanderbilt University and from fall of this year, we hope, will enter Mount Airy Theological Seminary for one year for a post-graduate course. These negotiations are in the hands of the Board as Mr. Kosaka was to have been with us from the beginning of the present term, but, on the suggestion of the Board, is remaining in America for this extra year of study.

According to your recommendation, Rev. C. W. Hepner has been elected as a member of the Zaidan, and, according to the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee, Rev. Takimoto of Osaka and Mr. T. Tamaki, one of our leading laymen of Omuta, have been elected to become members of the Zaidan from the time of our next meeting. Including Dr. Toyama, this will give us three Japanese members of the Zaidan. The Mission representatives are now five, Revs. Stirewalt, Horn, Linn, Hepner and Miller. There is an unofficial decision to keep the total membership for the present at seven, four Missionaries and three Japanese. If this number is satisfactory, it will be necessary to recommend

two missionary members at this Convention, as the terms of Revs. Stirewalt, Horn and Linn expire in December of this year.

For the past four or five years there has been a standing authorization from the Board to buy a small tract of land of a little more than 100 tsubo, at the east end of the main building, facing on the street that passes the front of our grounds. This small lot juts in on our land in an objectionable way, so that it has been very desirable for us to secure the same. I am glad to report that this land has just been secured at a cost of about ¥4,500. This is likely the last lot Kyushu Gakuin will have to buy until we expand a great deal more.

As the Board has authorized the erection of the Brown Memorial Chapel and the Brotherhood Dormitory, we hope that it may be possible to begin work on these two buildings this fall. The Chapel, according to the decision of the Board, is to be of reinforced concrete, with a seating capacity of about 1,000, located on the east end of the campus, a little to the northeast of the main building with the length of the building running east and west, facing toward the main dormitory. The Board has authorized $35,000 for this building.

The Brotherhood of America, thanks to their Executive Secretary, Dr. Waltz, has guaranteed $5,500 for the new dormitory which will be of the same construction as the present main dormitories. This building will be erected across the front of the present parallel halls, completing this unit and give a completed appearance to the present plant. This new part will contain rooms for about twenty-five students and a large dormitory reading room to be used for dormitory religious gatherings, prayer services, etc.

The second Mission Home at the school has also been authorized by the Board at a cost of $5,000. This building is now being erected and will be occupied by the Chaplain, Rev. Horn, and family in the near future.

A report of this kind must also call your attention to some of our needs.

Above all, our present need, which we must continue to emphasize, is a Higher Department. While in America, this question was presented in person to our Board and the Secretaries agree that we should have this higher educational work, but for want of funds they are not yet ready to give it very serious consideration. We at the School, realizing that our needs in all branches of our work in Japan are so great, hesitate to press this question now, but, in the mind of the writer, this is one of our outstanding needs as a Church. Other Churches have institutions of the University grade. It is impossible for us to be satisfied with simply an academy grade institution. Let us, therefore, in prayer and hope look forward to the time when we shall have this Higher Department.

To complete our Middle School plant we still very badly need long talked of buildings, especially a students' waiting room, a fire-proof

chemistry laboratory, and a students' library and reading room. These buildings should be provided for as soon as possible.

In closing, may we make one other request. The Mission has been very considerate in designating as many men for the work at Kyushu Gakuin as we might reasonably expect. May we not now go a step further and request that, in order that those who have been appointed to this work may really have an opportunity to do the work, their outside duties be cut down as much as possible. This does not express the selfish desire of any one who wishes to avoid work, but it is a fact that institutional work suffers if there are too many outside duties to distract and draw away. The writer feels at liberty to make this statement, for, having been out of the country, it does not apply to him just now. However, it is a fact that both Revs. Horn and Inadomi regret very much that their efficiency at the school has been greatly lessened because of the rather great amount of time they have had to give, and have given gladly, to work away from the school.

Beseeching your prayers in behalf of Kyushu Gakuin,

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. G. Miller.

Voted to accept the report and turn it over to the Reference Committee for consideration.

Report of Theological Seminary. The Acting Dean of the Theological Seminary read his report as follows:

REPORT OF JAPAN LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

In an annual report one of the main things to be considered is signs of progress and improvement over the previous year, and while progress is not necessarily to be measured by gains in material equipment, one naturally asks what developments there have been along that line. In the case of our Seminary, I regret to have to report that there have been none—as usual. Our equipment is as inadequate and uninspiring as ever. However, with some minor repairs and rearrangements, we have been working along cheerfully and doing the best we could with the resources and opportunities at hand.

Students. The number of students in our Seminary is never large. At present we have only six. One student, Mr. Yoshida, was graduated in March of this year after having completed the two years of Preparatory and three years of Seminary course required. He has been appointed evangelist of the Moji Church. Two or three students were compelled to drop out on account of illness, and two others left because of intellectual and temperamental difficulties, with which they had been burdened even before they entered the Seminary, such difficulties being quite prevalent among the young men of today. But it is a source of gratification

to note that, though few in number, these whom we have with us at present are all good wholesome young men, who seem to be sound physically, mentally, and spiritually, and who give good promise for the work of the ministry. Of these six, three are graduated of our own middle school, Kyushu Gakuin, two of whom were, incidentally, tennis champions not only of Kyushu Gakuin but of all schools of the same grade in Kumamoto Prefecture. The Seminary is now operating under a definite policy of trying to raise the intellectual standards for admission, and we believe that good results are already apparent. This matter of selection must go hand in hand with a raised standard of work within the Seminary after they have been admitted.

Faculty. With the return of Rev. Miura from America last year the faculty was very materially strengthened. Otherwise there has been no change in the personnel of the teaching force. But with a closer cooperation and a better acquaintance with one another, there has grown up a good fellowship that has made for improvement in the work of the school. We are now looking forward eagerly to the return to the Seminary in the fall of this year of Dean Nielsen and Profs. Sato and Asaji. This will give us for the first time in the history of the institution a full faculty on a permanent footing and at the same time for the most part specially trained for the work of their several departments.

Library. During the past year we have done a good deal of work towards the renovating of the library, and a number of new books have been added, though at present prices we have not been able to build up very fast. A great deal of generosity on the part of friends of the school must be looked for before we get what we need. Recently new rules for the governance of the library have been formulated and are to go into effect from September of this year. In these rules there is included a scheme by which the greater part of the books of the library will be made available likewise for all the pastors, evangelists, and missionaries along these lines a great service may be rendered to the whole of our church in this country.

Land Investigations. During the past year rather extended investigations have been made in the vicinity of Tokyo with a view to securing land for the new site of the Seminary. The amount of $25,000 was asked for for this purpose, but the Board replied that only $15,000 is available. So we have been somewhat at a loss to know what to do. We can get a usable amount for this latter amount, but anyone who is acquainted with the situation will realize at once that we cannot buy to best advantage with such an amount. However, no doubt a decision will be reached within this year, and we still hope that more funds may become available so that we may be enabled to do our best in the way of the selection of a site.

Such in brief are the principal features of the work of the Seminary during the past year. There is nothing startling, nothing marvelous, to many people perhaps hardly anything worth the telling, and yet to those of us who have been intimately connected with the work of the institution there have been many causes for thanksgiving and many evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit as He strives within us all for the bringing in of the Kingdom of Christ, and there have been awakened in us new hopes for the future of our work in this country.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. LINN, *Acting Dean.*

Voted to accept the report.

REPORT OF COM. ON JIAI EN (COLONY OF MERCY). The following report was presented by Rev. E. T. Horn, Chairman of the Exec. Com. of the institution:

JIAI-EN REPORT.

We begin our report by expressing our regret that the Jiaien has been without a resident superintendent since the departure of Miss Maude Powlas in June, 1923; we sincerely trust that she may be able to return to her post in the near future.

While the absence of Miss Powlas placed the institution under great disadvantages, the matrons, thrown thus largely on their own responsibilty, have developed a very gratifying sense of self-reliance. Mrs. Nonaka, in the capacity of head of the Old Folks' Home and Women's Home, as well as sub-treasurer and manager of official business, has been doing admirable service. And Mrs. Hatanaka has assumed complete responsibility for the management of the Children's Department.

During the year no building operations have gone on. Money was provided for erecting a fence around the whole institution; but, inasmuch as the Rescue Work has been temporarily in abeyance, there has been no need for haste in executing the action taken by the Committee to this effect. The idea too prevails in the minds of not a few, that the Jiaien is not equipped to actually house women of the difficult type originally contemplated, nor have we women who can properly supervise this phase of the work. The question has therefore arisen as to whether it would not be wiser to build more ample accommodations for the old people and children and specialize for the time being on these two departments, continuing to conduct women's rescue work through propaganda and by rendering assistance to women desiring to escape from a life of shame. Judging from experience, if we had accommodations for three times as many old people and twice as many children there would be no difficulty in filling the home.

The matter of policy for the future will be a question for the new committee to determine. For the past year, the committee has been proceeding in accordance with the action of the committee taken in June, 1923, to the effect that during the absence of Miss Powlas or until a responsible substitute shall be placed in the home, no women who have actually been in prostitute work shall be admitted to the home, but such cases as may come to our attention shall be given all possible assistance in getting to other homes. The women who were being sheltered in the home at the time of the departure of Miss Powlas were taken to other homes. Mrs. Hanada and her two children were retained in our home.

The children's department has been satisfactorily conducted under the management of Mrs. Hatanaka. Health conditions have been very good. It has been a real joy to see some of our poor scrawny diseased babies mothered into healthier and happier infants. Experiments with goat's milk have proved a success, and we would give our unqualified recommendation to the investment of money sufficient to buy (import if necessary) good milk goats.

The old people have been well cared for by Mrs. Nonaka. This side of the work of the Jiaien has its joys too, but it is not infrequently saddened by the touch of the hand of death. But what a satisfaction it is to see these aged poor ones, whose three score and ten has been spent in abject poverty, ignorance and often sin, spend the few remaining months or years of their sad lives under the hospitable, albeit humble shelter, of the Jiaien, sufficiently fed, decently clothed, and, above all, surrounded by a warm Christian atmosphere. We are tempted to think that these old folks are too feeble or too simple-minded to comprehend even the simplest truths of the Gospel which are taught them, but they sometimes surprise us by showing evidence of having experienced and being deeply grateful for the love of God through its concrete manifestation in the ministrations of His messengers. Our good old friend, known as "Hataraki-no-o-Jiisan" (Working Old Man), because he so willingly assisted Mrs. Nonaka and his fellow patients, was called to his reward a few weeks ago. With his dying breath he said that he was so happy to be going to "Kami Sama" (God), Whom he saw waiting for him "dressed in beautiful robes with long sleeves." One old woman has hung on her wall a picture of Christ in Gethsemane, and keeps a vase of flowers, always fresh, in front of it on a stand. She says since she came to the Jiaien she prays to Jesus instead of to Amida, for Jesus caused the Jiaien to be built. Do you think He will refuse to listen to her, though her faith be so simple?

Sunday-School is conducted weekly in the Jiaien. Rev. Mr. Ishimatsu conducts a service for the old people once a week. Mrs. Nonaka has daily prayers, Bible instruction, and hymn-singing with them.

It will be recalled that the Budget for 1924 was made up on the expectation that the Jiaien would be able to serve by taking children and

old people from Tokyo and other places after the great disaster of Sept. 1st, 1923. Two visits were made to Tokyo by representatives of the Jiaien with a view to getting destitute persons and bringing them back to Kumamoto. But this was found to be altogether impracticable: the Government would not permit children to be removed from the city, and old people were not willing to leave their home and go so far away. The money provided for the accommodation of the expected increase in the number of inmates has thus not been used, but is in the treasury of the Jiaien. No new appropriation therefore will be needed to carry into effect the building operations proposed in this report.

The following statistics will show the situation in the Jiaien, during the period from May, 1923 to the present:—

Number of admissions:		
Old people: Men:	9	
Women:	7	
Total		16
Women, Rescue Home		9
Children: Boys:	8	
Girls:	6	
Total		14
		39
Number of Deaths:		
Old Men:	3	
Old Women:	1	
	4	
Women sent elsewhere		6
Present Number:		
Old People: Men:	7	
Women:	6	
		13
Children: Boys:	8	
Girls:	6	
		14
Women:		2
Total number in Jiaien:		29

Number of poor people regularly visited outside of home: 10.

It is most gratifying to be able to report that the attitude of the village people toward the Jiaien is cordial. The villagers and the primary school teachers of the village are very kind to our people. There are many who bring vegetables, fruits, pickles and other things to the poor old people.

Relations with the Ken, Gun, and Son officials are very good. In every situation that has arisen, they have tried to afford the Jiaien every possible convenience. The Superintendent of the Social Service Department of the Ken takes occasion quite frequently to consult with us about social problems.

In preparation for Christmas celebration, 1923, an appeal was made to the Lutheran Churches for contributions, and a total of ¥143.65 was very generously contributed. Practically all of the churches responded, with gifts ranging from one yen to forty yen. Of the amount contributed, ¥71 was expended for Christmas gifts and New Year's "mochi" for all. The remainder was expended for "kimono" material for the old folks and babies. The Jiaien wishes to register a hearty vote of thanks to all who so kindly made contributions at that time. They would have been amply repaid if they could have seen the joy that they helped to give to all our Jiaien colony.

We wish hereby to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the regular monthly contributions that not a few of our Sunday-Schools have been making to the Jiaien. The contributions thus received during the past year amounted to ¥100.86. Other contributions of "kimono" and "futon" (bedding) have been received from several Women's Societies (Fujin-kwai), and these too we hereby make grateful acknowledgment.

For the guidance of those who may henceforth have to do with the conduct of the Jiaien, we make the following suggestions of things that we think ought to be attended to:

1. The matter of the proposed electric line to Kiyama which would cut through part of the Jiaien and perhaps necessitate moving the Old People's Building, demands immediate attention, with a view to making the best possible terms with the municipality.

2. The road which runs through the Jiaien land, and in regard to which negotiations have been under way for more than a year, should if possible be moved to the periphery and proper compensation tsubo for tsubo be made to the village.

3. More and better accommodations should at once be provided for the old people. It will be recalled that when the present "nagaya" (long low building) was built, it had to be erected at a cost of only five hundred dollars. Necessarily it is poorly constructed and cramped. The new building should be ample, contain an assembly room for, say, thirty people, and be thoroughly sanitary (of concrete, if possible).

4. Another unit of the children's department should soon be built. We are turning away many applicants. If possible, a well equipped ward for infants ought by all means to be included in the plan.

5. In line with the development of accommodations for more babies, we would strongly urge the securing of good milk goats. There is no better substitute when the real mother fails her offspring.

6. A vault should be erected at once to contain the remains of those of our Jiaien family who die without a burial place.

7. A good Christian farmer and family ought to be housed on the Jiaien compound to work the soil and be general caretaker.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Edward T. Horn,
for the Executive Committee
of the Jiaien.

Arima, Japan, September, 1924.

Voted to accept the report and refer it to the Ref. Com.

Report of Jt. Evan. Com. The following report was made by the Committee:

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

Arima, Sept. 5, 1924.

In harmony with the spirit of our 30th Anniversary Convention in April of last year, your Committee set as the special evangelistic aim of the Spring and Fall Campaign, a united effort on the part of every Japanese worker as well as missionary for the cultivation of a deeper appreciation, on the part of all our members, of our Lutheran heritage of Faith, so that we might proclaim with greater fervor and power the pure Gospel of saving Grace to the multitudes about us.

To this end our churches were exhorted to spend much time in prayer and preparation during the Spring for the wide seed sowing planned for the Fall. Accordingly, pulpits were exchanged with our neighboring pastors only, so that the funds at the disposal could be saved for the Fall effort.

As planned, beginning about the first of October, every worker in our Church with great power and devotion set himself to the task of preaching the Gospel in the places appointed for him to go. For two months meetings were held successively in all our stations from Tokyo to Minamata. Instead of employing recognized specialists from outside our Lutheran fold our own missionaries and Japanese pastors gave their best in this 30th Anniversary campaign. The results can not be tabulated. Two hundred and fifty seven signed cards without undue persuasion, thus signifying their desire to be taught more about the Way. Many more heard gladly. As a church we felt perhaps for the first time, that we have a special message to bring, and that we cannot depend on those outside our fold to bring our message. The spirit dominating the whole movement was excellent. The full fruitage will be reaped as the years go by.

The significant thing is that we all did our best, and we leave the results with the Lord of the Harvest.

Our special effort during the spring of this year was an innovation. Rev. Takimoto, the chairman of the Japanese Nenkwai, was requested by our Committee to spend about three months in visiting all our churches, in order to cultivate the evangelistic spirit among our laymen. Though somewhat advanced in years, Mr. Takimoto gave himself to this task with the enthusiasm of youth, and did a splendid piece of service for us. Of course others were appointed to assist him in the preaching services, where more than two days were given to the same place, but the burden and bulk of the work was done by him alone.

These two methods have each something in their favor, and may well be employed from time to time.

In consultation with the advisory members appointed from the Nenkwai for the 30th Anniversary Campaign, your Com. contemplated another united effort for this Fall, but of course the duties of your present Committee end with this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) C. W. Hepner,
T. Chiga,
C. K. Lippard,
D. Honda.

Voted to accept and refer to Ref. Com.

Election of Officers. The election of officers took place at this time, and resulted as follows:

President.....Rev. A. J. Stirewalt,
Vice-President..... Dr. L. S. G. Miller,
Secretary.....Rev. A. C. Knudten,
Treasurer..... Dr. C. K. Lippard,
Miss. Ex. Com. Member..Miss Marion Potts.

The meeting was closed at 12:00 o'clock with prayer by Miss Potts.

September 9, 1924, 3:00 P.M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Hepner.

Report of Nominating Committee. The Nom. Com. reported at this time, and their recommendations were approved with reference to the members of the following committees and delegations:

Budg. and Fin. Com.	*Higher Educ. in Kyushu.*
Jt. Evan. Com.	*Statistician.*
Jt. Lit. Com.	*Const. Rev. Com.*
Colony of Mercy Com.	*Del. to Fed. Miss.*
Women's Work Com.	*Reporter to Jap. Evan.*
Can. Academy Report	*Auditors.*
	Publicity Com.

Note: For convenience of reference the names of members of committees, etc. will be given in the back of the printed minutes together with the names of Japanese members of the Joint Committees.

Christian Literature Society. On motion it was voted to receive the Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, representative of the Christian Literature Society and to give him opportunity to present the cause and state the present needs of the Society.

After having heard the presentation made by Mr. Kennard, on motion it was voted to ask the Nenkwai to bring in some concrete proposals with reference to plans for the sale of Christian Literature in our various stations.

Auditor's Report. The auditors reported as follows:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee wishes to report that the Treasurer's books for the year 1923 have been audited and found correct, with a few minor exceptions. These mistakes have been noted in the Treasurer's Book.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) L. S. G. Miller,
Geo. W. Schillinger.

Voted to accept the report.

Adjournment at 6:00 P.M. with prayer by Rev. G. W. Schillinger.

September 10, 1924, 8:30 A.M.

Devotional service with address by Rev. D. G. M. Bach.

The Business Committee reported as follows:

1. Const. Revisions. The Nenkwai has approved the following three changes in the Constitution as recommended by the Const. Rev. Committee:

(1) Constitution—Chap. 21, sections 4 and 5.

That the right to officiate at weddings be deleted from section 4 and included under section 5 with the ministerial acts that are ordinarily not allowed to evangelists to perform.

(2) Constitution—Chap. 18, section 4; Chap. 6; section 1-C.

That the requirements of a local congregation in order that it may be called a church be made to include the payment of one-fifth of the pastor's salary instead of one-tenth as per a former revision; and

That in order to acquire the right to send full members to the Nenkwai, churches must pay one-half instead of one-fourth of their pastor's salary.

However, in order to allow time for a gradual working up to this standard, these requirements shall not be put fully into effect until 1927.

(3) Constitution—Chap. 6, section 1-b.

That the requirements for evangelists to become full members of the Nenkwai be raised to seven years instead of five years of active service.

The Mission at this time took action approving of all the above proposed constitutional revisions.

2. Jt. Ex. Report Approved. The Nenkwai has approved all the ad interim actions of the Jt. Ex. Com.; and in this connection took action expressing its gratification with reference to the organization of three new congregations, namely, those at Shimonoseki, Kyoto and Hita.

The Mission then took similar action indicating its pleasure in these signs of life and progress.

3. Jt. Evan. Report Approved. The Nenkwai has approved the report of the Jt. Evan. Com., and in this connection extended a rising vote of thanks to Rev. K. Takimoto for his services, in connection with the work of the Com. this spring.

The Mission also took action expressing its appreciation of Rev. Takimoto's faithful labors.

4. S. S. Com. The Nenkwai has approved the recommendation of the Jt. Literature Com. that we appoint a separate S. S. Com. consisting of one member from each chamber.

The Mission postponed action.

5. Circulating Library. The Nenkwai has approved the plan for a circulating library for missionaries, pastors, and evangelists, as arranged by the Literature Com. and the Acting Dean of the Seminary.

6. Common Service. The Nenkwai reported that it had heartily approved by a rising vote the rendition of the Common Service in Japanese as submitted by the Jt. Lit. Com.

7. As Information. The Nenkwai has by a unanimous vote taken action to extend its thanks by letter to their Lutheran brethren in America, India and China, for sympathy and help at the time of the earthquake disaster in September of last year; and has requested the Lit. Com. to compose the letter.

8. Self Support Encouraged. The Nenkwai has taken the following action: In order that all the churches and preaching places belonging to the Nenkwai may as soon as possible attain self-support, we recommend that at least twice a year, spring and fall, through suitable means each congregation be encouraged to take forward steps to this end.

The Mission voted its hearty approval of the action of the Nenkwai with regard to the encouraging of self-support.

The Mission took the following actions:

Common Service Book. On motion it was voted to adopt the new translation of the Common Service Book and to authorize it use in our churches.

Constitution Revision. On motion it was voted that, inasmuch as there is not time to take up the revision of the Constitution at this Convention, we entrust the further consideration of the revision of the Const. to the Revision Com., and request them to have their proposed revision printed (or mimeographed) and copies of same circulated among all members before the next Annual Convention.

The Ref. Com. reported on the following items, which were approved by the Mission:

1. National Evan. Campaign. (President's Report)

   Resolved, that we cooperate with the National Christian Council of Japan in its nation wide evangelistic campaign beginning this fall and that our Evangelistic Committee be responsible for such arrangements as may be necessary.

2. Committee Duties. (Jt. Lit. Com. Report)

   Whereas, the present Committee has done its work so acceptably in translating and publishing the first part of the Common Service Book and will complete this work in the near future, be it resolved,

   That the duties of this Committee remain as at present.

3. Circulating Library. (Jt. Lit. Com. Report)

Resolved, that the plan for a Circulating Library for Ministers be approved and put into operation as agreed upon by this Committee in consultation with the Acting Dean of the Theological Seminary.

The Com. on New Bus. brought in the following recommendation in regard to a matter presented through a letter from Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson:

Slides—Evan. Com. That we authorize the Evan. Com. to write the Board for 3 or 4 boxes for shipping glass slides; and that we ask the Com. to list all slides, machines, etc., now in the possession of members of the Mission and to send to each missionary a copy of said list. Approved by the Mission.

The Jt. Ex. Com. reported on the following items:

1. Locations. A number of re-locations of Japanese pastors and evangelists were proposed by the Com., but the Mission voted to ask the Secretary to post the list of proposals for longer consideration and to postpone action till afternoon.

2. Takegoshi. Voted that in view of a misunderstanding in regard to the previous action of the Ex. Com., Mr. Takegoshi be granted an extension of salary until Oct. of this year, and that on account of Mr. Yoshida's absence he be asked to remain in Moji until the end of September.

3. Ouchi. Voted to leave the matter of the final disposition of Mr. Ouchi's case to the discretion of Revs. Horn and J. K. Linn.

4. Kawase. After an investigation of the facts in the case it was voted to approve of the purchase of an organ and bicycle, and of the renting of another house by Rev. Kawase of Yawata.

5. Tokyo Church. Voted to make a loan, out of Relief Funds sent out by the Board, for the purpose of building a church in Tokyo, the money to be refunded year by year out of the Budget.

6. Yoshida—Medical Aid. Voted to grant Evangelist Yoshida the sum of ¥200, as medical aid on account of the illness of himself and wife.

7. Kanezaki. Voted to change the connection of Kanezaki (out-station) from Yawata to Naogata.

8. Osaka—Fukushima. Voted to approve of opening up work in

the Fukushima section of Osaka and beginning an English night school in case a suitable house and man can be found for the work.

9. SATO. Voted to recommend to the Jt. Min. for consideration the application of Rev. Shigehiko Sato for transfer from the Nihon Kirisuto Kyokwai (Japan Church of Christ) to the Nihon Fukuin Ruteru Kyokwai (Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church).

These nine actions of the Jt. Ex. Com. were approved by the Mission.

On motion it was voted to go into a committee of the whole to consider the advisability of uniting the present district conferences and organizing a devotional and inspirational conference of the whole body. Discussion followed but no action was taken at this time.

The Committee on New Business brought in the following item:

VOTES FOR WIVES. The following petition was received from some of the missionary wives and presented to the Mission for its consideration:

BALLOT FOR MISSIONARY WIVES.

The missionary wives at a special meeting during this conference unanimously decided to bring the following matter before the conference:

1. That whereas the U. S. government has granted the vote to all women citizens above 21 years of age, and
2. Whereas most missions in Japan and on other fields have granted the votes to wives, and
3. Whereas the Lutheran missionary wives in Japan without exception are all doing missionary work in some form or other, and
4. Whereas having the right to vote would give the wives more responsibility and so naturally increase their interest, Be it resolved that we respectfully ask this body to take the granting of the vote to wives under consideration and act favorably upon it at this session.

Respectfully submitted.

A substitute motion was offered and seconded; that the request for the ballot on the part of missionaries' wives is not consistent with the constitutional plan of co-operation with the Japanese Nenkwai.

(The substitute motion was lost.)

Another substitute motion was offered as follows: That it is the sense of this body that we are not prepared to take action on this matter at this time. (The motion was lost.)

The original recommendation was then voted on and carried, with the understanding that it should be submitted to the Board for approval before being put into effect.

Adjournment at 12:15 with prayer by Rev. J. P. Nielsen.

September 10, 1924, 2:30 P.M.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Dr. C. K. Lippard.

The Bus. Com. reported the following items from the Jap. Chamber:

1. Joint Melting. The Nenkwai has unanimously approved of holding the meetings of the two district conferences next spring at the same time and place with the main purpose of spiritual culture (shuyo) and consultation (kondan) on problems of the church and Evangelism. The time, place, and program are to be decided by the two district conference presidents and the Jt. Evan. Com.

The Mission voted its approval of this action.

2. Reformation Sunday. The Nenkwai has recom. that each year on the Anniversary of the Reformation, in order to raise up more workers for the Vineyard, and in order to promote the cause of the Seminary, we have a special day of prayer, and take up a special offering for our Theol. Sem.

The Mission had previously taken similar action with reference to this year only, but rescinded that action and voted its approval of the action of the Nenkwai. The Mission, however, suggested an amendment making the day Reformation Sunday, and this was subsequently agreed to by the Nenkwai.

3. Church Constitution. The Nenkwai has recom. that a model church constitution be drawn up for the sake of uniformity among our churches, and for the guidance of their organization; said model to be drawn up by the Const. Rev. Com. and presented to the next Convention.

The Mission voted its approval.

4. Nenkwai Elections. The results of the elections in the Nenkwai were announced, but for the sake of convenience of reference the names will be given at the back of the printed minutes.

"Ruteru" Editors. As the Nenkwai elections showed that they had chosen only one man as editor, it was voted to request them to consider

the proposal of the Jt. Ex. Com. last spring regarding the creation of a Board of Editors, each responsible for a definite part of the work.

The Business Com. reported the following from the Nenkwai:

Re Wives' Votes. The Nenkwai has taken unanimous action stating that it considers it contrary to the spirit of our cooperation that the missionaries' wives be given the vote.

Adjournment at 5:45 with prayer by Rev. F. W. Heins.

Sept. 11, 1924, 8:30 A.M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.

Wives' Votes. On motion it was voted that the whole matter of the ballot for the wives of missionaries be dropped.

Seminary. The Dean of the Seminary, Rev. J. P. Nielsen, was given an opportunity to present his views of the situation with reference to the purchase of land for the Seminary and other matters in connection with the moving of the institution to Tokyo.

Discussion followed but no action was taken.

Convention Expenses. Voted to authorize the Treasurer to pay the hotel expenses of the Convention after having made the proper adjustments with the Treasurer of the Nenkwai.

Seminary Property. Voted to instruct the Sec'y to cable the Board to forward $30,000 *at once* for the purchase of Seminary property.

Locations. The matter of re-locations of Japanese men as previously presented by the Jt. Ex. Com. was taken up, and with one or two changes in the recommendation was approved as follows: Appointed to

Moji	—	Tsuboike.
Hita	—	Yoshida.
Nagoya	—	Muto.
Minamata	—	Ishimatsu.
Naogata	—	Takashima.
Kumamoto	—	Miura.

Note: The appointment of Rev. Miura is to be considered as temporary, and does not in any way affect his status as a professor in the Seminary, though the Seminary will be requested, out of consideration for him, to lighten his work as much as possible while he is serving in this position.

WASA. Under locations, the Jt. Ex. Com. had recommended that Rev. Wasa be appointed to Ogi for one year, after which time he should be retired. The Mission, however, amended the recommendation and took the following action:

Voted that Rev. Wasa be permitted to retire at once, and that, in special recognition of his services to our Church, his full salary be continued for one year, during which time the matter of retirement salaries shall be considered and decided upon.

The Jt. Ex. Com. presented recommendations, which were acted upon as follows:

1. WATANABE—MEDICAL AID. Voted to grant the sum of ¥150, as medical aid to Rev. K. Watanabe of Saga.

2. JAPANESE SALARIES. Voted to raise the basic salary of Japanese pastors and evangelists ¥5.00 per month (making it ¥80.00); to allow ¥10.00 per month additional for ordained men; and to raise the annual increase in salaries to ¥1.00 per month.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. T. Horn.

Sept. 11, 1924, 2:00 P.M.

Opened with singing of a hymn, and prayer by Rev. J. P. Nielsen.

The Bus. Com. brought in the following items from the Nenkwai:

1. STUDENTS—SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS. The Nenkwai has unanimously voted: That for the future, in the case of young men educated for the ministry in our church, the sphere of their activity shall not be decided beforehand, and that this action be recorded in the Minutes of both the Nenkwai and the Mission.

The Mission likewise unanimously voted its approval of this action.

2. S. S. COMMITTEE. The Nenkwai has reiterated its desire, expressed at the time of the election of committees, to have a special S. S. Com. of one elected from each chamber, these men to be absolutely free from other committee work.

The Mission voted its approval and elected Rev. D. G. M. Bach as its member on this Com.

3. NEXT CONVENTION. With reference to the place of the next Convention, the Nenkwai has voted as its first choice, Gotemba; second choice, Karuizawa; third choice, Arima.

Note: It was stated that in case the meeting is held in Karuizawa it would be necessary to ask the Mission to help pay the expenses of the church delegates.

The Mission voted to leave the whole matter of the place of the next Convention in the hands of the incoming Jt. Ex. Com.

4. HARADA'S HOUSE. Mr. Harada's request to be allowed to move out of the Kurume parsonage into another house was referred by the Nenkwai to the incoming Jt. Ex. Com.

The Mission voted its approval.

5. PERICOPES. The Nenkwai voted to adopt for next year the 3rd Series of Pericopes; to continue their publication in the "Ruteru" as heretofore; and to change the term for the "Sundays after Trinity" from "Musaiki" to "Sammi-Ittai-Go."

The Mission voted its approval.

6. LITERATURE SOCIETY PROPOSALS. The Nenkwai voted to leave to the incoming Jt. Evan. Com. the matter of the proposals made by the Christian Lit. Soc. with reference to the sale and distribution of literature.

The Mission voted its approval.

7. PASTOR'S RELIEF FUND. The Nenkwai voted to leave the matter of rules for the "Pastors' Relief Fund" to the incoming Jt. Ex. Com.

The Mission agreed to this proposal.

8. CHURCH RECORDS. The Nenkwai voted that two church record books should be kept in all our churches, one for the present regular members and a separate book for those whose whereabouts has not been known for three years or over.

This action was approved by the Mission.

9. STATISTICIAN. The Nenkwai appointed Mr. Iwanaga as its statistician.

10. "RUTERU" EDITORS. The Nenkwai appointed Rev. I. Miura as its sole representative on the editing of the "Ruteru."

The Mission agreed to this action, and appointed Rev. C. W. Hepner as its own member of the board of editors.

11. STATISTICAL AND RECORD FORMS. The Nenkwai asked Rev. T. Chiga to continue the work of preparing uniform statistical forms and church record books for the use of our churches, and asked the Mission to continue Rev. J. K. Linn as his associate in this work. (Note: these two men constituted a sub-committee of the former Jt. Ex. Com. appointed for this purpose.)

The Mission approved this proposal and appointed Mr. Linn as requested.

Tokyo Relief Work Report. Rev. Stirewalt on behalf of the Relief Work Committee read the report on Earthquake Relief Work in Tokyo, as follows:

REPORT
OF
COMMITTEE ON EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.
Japan Mission of The U.L.C.A.

Dear Fellow Workers:

The suddenness with which the earthquake, and the subsequent destruction by fire came upon the Kwanto district one year ago, precluded any previous preparation for the relief of those who were rendered destitute. To administer relief was a stupendous undertaking for even the government which was in a position to command resources, and commandeer whatever was needed for its work. The undertaking was still greater for those organizations which, having points of contact in the burned districts, still lacked the resources to carry into effect relief measures whose need was evident.

In case of the efforts of our own Mission, the handicaps were embarrassing in the extreme. 1). The destroyed areas were considerably separated from the district in which our work was located. 2). Not a single person with whom we had contact lost his home. Several lost employment because of the disaster, but in no case did any of our constituency suffer privation. 3). The needs of those who were rendered destitute were met by the government, as early as it was possible to meet them. This relief was, of course, of a transient nature. It was not necessary for private relief to duplicate what the government was doing. BUT it was evident, from the beginning, that the important thing needed was to give help that would serve as relief for a period, covering, at least, the coming Winter. With this idea of doing something of a more permanent nature and of a character which would in no way be a duplication of what others were doing, we held in reserve, for awhile, except in certain cases so as to ascertain where our efforts would count for the greatest value. 4). Also, while our Board informed us soon after the disaster that $2,000 was available for relief, it was not until the middle of February, that we knew the full amount granted us. Being a member of the Central Christian Relief Committee, and also a member of the Christian Reconstruction Committee, and also in contact with the government officials, we felt ourselves in a position to determine and act under the light of full information, and with a high degree of trustworthy advice.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

The City of Tokyo was to erect a ready-made barrack which was received as a gift from the city of Osaka, and turn it over to some party

to equip and manage as a home for destitute old people. This was eventually turned over to the Central Christian Relief Committee which, in turn, passed it on to us. We then completed it at a cost of ¥3,115, and on Dec. 10, began to admit inmates. These numbered 47 in January. A few later found homes with relatives elsewhere, and eight have died. They now number 39 (thirty-nine).

The first ten who entered the Home were sent to us by the City Relief Hospital at Ueno. None of these were well, and some of them were clearly in need of further hospital care, and had to be returned later. Beginning with those who were ill, and having none under sixty years of age, it would be natural to expect some deaths in the Home. Those who have passed away are:

Jan. 13, Kondo Kin,	Aged 67,	Died of	Cancer.
19, Tanaka Wazo,	" 77,	"	General Weakness.
Feb. 4, Iwasaki Kura,	" 73,	"	Intestinal Catarrh.
Mar. 10, Yamada Kenjiro,	" 68,	"	Hemorrhage of the Brain.
May 15, Shimizu Bunjiro,	" 65,	"	Chronic Kidney Trouble.
June 7, Wakizaka Tosuke,	" 78,	"	" " "
14, Takaki Jokichi,	" 77,	"	Hemorrahage of the Brain.
18, Kawase Yasujiro,	" 69,	"	Heart Trouble.

The religious work in the Home is characterized by a short service every morning, and a special preaching service once a week. Those who are especially interested in Christianity then receive private instructions from Rev. Honda. So far, six of the old people have been baptized.

We were fortunate in securing as matron, Miss Chima Matsunaga, a member of our Tokyo congregation, and as assistant in the Home, Mr. Okamoto, a member of the Toyohashi congregation. He has since left us.

The Home itself while maintained under many disadvantages, and in a quiet manner, has cared for people for whom no other provision was made. The spirit and harmony in the Home is rather remarkable, considering the fact that the inmates are advanced in years, and were all strangers to each other when they entered the Home.

The Spanish Legation allowed its grounds in Azabu to be used for relief work, but later ordered us to vacate. Consequently, on June 9, a tract of 639 tsubo of land was bought at Koenji, a suburb of Tokyo, at a cost of ¥10,000. The building was moved at a cost of ¥3,650, plus extras, amounting to ¥281.25, and the building of a storehouse at a cost of ¥457. This is now a permanent Home as far as location is concerned; but it is unfortunate that the carpenter, in moving the building, did not do more honest work. Up to the present, this Home is limited to those people—both men and women—who are sixty years of age, or over, and who were rendered destitute by the earthquake disaster, and are without help from any other source. It remains to be decided, if after the needs of this class of people have been met, we shall continue the Home and care for those aged persons whose needs arise through other circumstances.

AZABU WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Before the building for the Old People's Home was completed, we found that the funds collected in America for our relief work were sufficient to undertake another form of relief work. We were then led to erect a Home for the widows and children of men who were lost in the disaster. This building was erected at a cost of ¥9,876.80, and provided for 23 families and an assembly room which was also used as a kindergarten room. This Home was opened to occupants at the end of December. The children of school age were sent to the city schools. Those of kindergarten age, together with a number from the community, formed our kindergarten enrollment. Two regularly trained kindergarten teachers under the direction of Miss Shirk, and with her help, constituted the teaching force. A number of women in the Home were instructed the teaching force. A number of women in the Home were instructed in sewing and knitting. With the exception of one who had been paralyzed, the mothers worked and supported themselves and children. The past tense has been used in these statements because this Home has come to an end, and the building is now being demolished, to meet the demands of the Spanish legation.

HONJO WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Near the end of February, the Tokyo Prefectural officials, seeing the work we were doing for widows and children, asked us to make it a permanent work, promising to give us 616 koku of lumber, and ¥30,388.80 to cover the cost of erecting 205 tsubo of buildings, kindergarten equipment, and land rent for six months, requiring of us the submission of building plans for their approval, and that their approval of the ones we employ in the Home be secured, and that we maintain the Home for at least six months. This was later changed to five years. But inasmuch as our original intention was to make it a permanent work, our plans were not affected by this change of condition. This Home was, at the end of August, sufficiently completed to admit the families which had been housed in the Azabu Home, and will be entirely completed within a few more weeks.

Unfortunately, the land for this was not bought, but leased. The price of the lease purchase of 351½ tsubo being ¥8,549.25, and the present monthly rent being ¥101.62. This rent will naturally increase after a few years. There are three two-story buildings, each 27 x 60 feet, and one one-story building which provides a place for a bath and laundry. This Institution will accommodate thirty-nine families, besides the matron and family, and two kindergarten teachers. A large room 27 x 48 feet on the lower floor of the building facing a wide thorofare with street-car line, will serve as kindergarten room, and assembly room for any kind of meeting we may see fit to hold. The large room above this will be the work room where sewing will be taught, and where people having the proper qualifications will be welcomed to come and do sewing, or needle work.

People of the community, as well as those of the Home, will be permitted to put their children in the day nursery, kindergarten, let them come to the play-grounds, while they themselves will be admitted to the work department, laundry, and perhaps to the bath. It is through contacts made through these means that we hope to have the Gospel reach many outside the Home, on the neglected East Side. Our opportunity here for social service, and for the spread of the Gospel, is almost without limit. However, a properly qualified corps of workers is most essential. After many months of searching, we believe that these can be secured.

In the setting forth of these facts, mention has not been made of the time and energy spent in seeking a location for the Azabu Widows and Children's Home, for the Honjo Widows' and Children's Home, of the efforts and time spent in trying to secure from the government, lumber to which we were entitled for the erection of the Azabu Widows' and Children's Home, and which we did not get, of the time and energy spent in court cases connected with our Honjo location, etc., etc. These things delayed our work very considerably, and it was only by the most persistent efforts that these difficulties were overcome. No one besides pastor Honda and myself can know just what they involved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Stirewalt.

PS. Since the above report was presented to the Mission, the Mayor of Tokyo told us that he thought that if we asked the city for ownership of the house used as Old People's Home, the city would give it to us, and we could hold it in our own name. We have put in request for such ownership, and are awaiting a reply. The buildings in Honjo Ward will, in time, likely be turned over to us, with clear title, in like manner.

RECEIPTS FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.

Received from:

Mission Board, per Mission Treasurer	¥44,958.90
Mr. Kurihara Sakutaro	90.00
Mr. Takami Iwao, for Chs. ¥10, for S.S. ¥8.50	18.50
Miss M. E. Potts, ¥6 for X'mas ¥10	16.00
Miss Helen Shirk	5.00
Moji Church	12.00
Mrs. A. W. Stirewalt	216.89
Mrs. A. W. Stirewalt, for Sewing Machine	110.00
Lutheran Missionaries in India, per Rev. Harry Goedeke	65.00
Lutherans in India, per Rev. C. K. Lippard	138.56
Dr. Kugler, Guntur, India, per Miss Annie Powlas	43.40
Lutheran Mission Honan, China, per Rev. Lindell	170.20
Naogata Church, per Rev. Wasa	1.50
Girls' English Class, Fukuoka, per Miss M. B. Akard	13.50

S. School, Haruyoshi, Fukuoka	15.00
Miss Akard	54.53
Black Coat Society, Asano Cement Co., Moji	20.00
Prince Higashikuni	20.00
Mr. Muro Tokuro (Relative of Tanaka San who died)	10.00
Mr. Miura, for Iwasaki San who died	1.00
Mrs. Ito, on Leaving the Widows' and Children's Home	30.00
Miss Reba Hendrickson	106.65
Mr. D. H. Blake	100.00
Home Office, per Tokyo Prefectural Office, American Red Cross Funds	20,000.00
Home Office, per Tokyo Prefectural Office, for Erection and Equipment of Honjo Home	30,388.80
Mitsukoshi Department Store, per Tokyo Prefectural Office	300.00
Inmates of Widows' and Children's Home, for Light	56.50
Kindergarten Children, Tuition and Entrance Fees	84.00
Miss Shirk for Kindergarten Materials and Equipment	78.37
Refund on Insurance Premium	47.49
Sale of Small Quantity of Material from Azabu Home	167.50
Total Receipts from all Sources	¥97,339.29

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. STIREWALT.

EXPENDITURES FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

Completion of Building Received from Tokyo City	¥ 3,115.00
639 Tsubo of Land for New Location	10,000.00
Moving of Building to New Location and Extra Equipment	5,095.95
4 Tsubo of Cemetery Lot	40.00
Food, Clothing, Various Articles of Equipment, etc.	4,445.83
Aug. 31, 1924, Total Expenditure for Old People's Home	¥22,696.78

NOTE: We have received from government, City, Lutheran Congregations in Japan, and from Individuals, quantities of food, clothing, bedding, etc., the value of which does not enter these accounts, but which would perhaps aggregate ¥10,000. Much of these supplies are still on hand.

AZABU WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Erection of Building and Equipment	¥10,181.81
Salaries, Kindergarten Teachers	470.00
Various Items, Including Assistance to Families	777.73
Aug. 31, 1924, Total Expenditure for Azabu Widows' and Children's Home	¥11,429.54

HONJO WIDOWS' AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Purchase of Land Lease, 351½ Tsubo, and Expenses Incurred.	¥ 8,701.96
Erection of Buildings, Fences, and Various accessories	32,467.48
Filling in of Lot	1,110.60
Installation of Elec. Light, City Water, and Various Equipment	2,612.83
Land Rent	702.68
Salaries	210.00
Various Incidentals	495.09
Total Expenditure for Honjo Widows' and Children's Home	¥46,300.64

GENERAL EXPENDITURES.

Gifts of Cash to Individuals	¥ 765.00
1 Automobile to Lend to Central Christian Relief Committee.	1,000.00
Preaching Expenses	323.37
Various Incidentals	142.74
Total General Expenditures	¥ 2,231.11

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT.

1 Ford Sedan and Accessories	¥ 2,278.90
Building of Garage According to Government Requirements	484.30
Maintenance to Date	246.13
	3,009.33

SUMMARY OF EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUNDS.

Total Amount Received from all Sources.....	¥97,339.29	
Total Amount Spent on Old People's Home		¥22,696.78
Total Amount Spent on Azabu Widows' and Children's Home		11,429.54
Total Amount Spent on Honjo Widows' and Children's Home		46,300.64
Total Amount Spent on General Items		2,231.11
Total Amount Spent on Automobile Account		3,009.33
Totals	¥97,339.29	¥85,667.30
Amount of Cash in Hand		¥11,671.99
	¥97,339.29	¥97,339.29

Respectfully Submitted,

A. J. Stirewalt.

Voted to receive the report, and to take a rising vote of appreciation of the labors of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt and D. Honda.

The Bus. Com. reported the following items from the Nenkwai:

1. "Ruteru" Editors. The Nenkwai approved of the appointment of Revs. Miura and Hepner to constitute the Editorial Board of the "Ruteru."

2. S. S. Com. The Nenkwai has appointed Mr. Tsuboike as its member of the S. S. Com.

3. Salary Revision. The Nenkwai has with profound thanks approved of the proposed revision of the scale of salaries for Japanese pastors and evangelists as previously approved by the Mission on recommendation of the Jt. Ex. Com.

4. Reply to Board's Resolutions. The Nenkwai has voted to send a reply to the resolutions of the Board on the U. S. Exclusion Act; and to commit to the Literature Committee the work of writing and sending the letter.

5. Jt. Closing Service. The Nenkwai has taken action asking that the Joint Closing Service be held at 3:40 this afternoon.

The Mission agreed to this proposal.

6. Reformation Service. The Nenkwai stated that its intention with reference to the day of special prayer and offering was not October 31st, but Reformation Sunday, which is in agreement with the amendment suggested by the Mission.

JOINT CLOSING SERVICE.

The 5th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan was concluded with a joint closing service beginning at 3:40 P.M., Thursday, September 11, 1924, conducted by Rev. D. Honda.

Final Adjournment.

MEETING OF JOINT MINISTERIUM.

(First Session)

September 6, 1924, 8:00 P.M.

The meeting opened with the singing of Hymn No. 162.

Scripture read by the President of the Ministerium, Rev. E. T. Horn: 1 Corinthians 3.

Led in prayer by Rev. T. Chiga.

New Member. The President extended words of welcome to the new member, Rev. F. W. Heins.

Roll Call. The following members answered to Roll Call:

Missionaries	Japanese
Lippard	Chiga
Stirewalt	Takimoto
Miller	Honda
Nielsen	Wasa
Horn	Ishimatsu
Hepner	Muto
Linn, J. K.	Miura
Bach	Watanabe
Knudten	Takashima
Schillinger	Kawase
Gray	Yonemura
Heins	Inadomi
	Washiyama

Absent: Linn, J. A. and Aoyama.

Ordination Examination. Rev. K. Takimoto, Chairman of the Examining Committee of the Jt. Ministerium reported that the three candidates for ordination, Evangelists Okuma, Tsuboike and Takase, had requested that their examination for ordination be postponed. The reasons given were the somewhat precarious condition of Mr. Okuma's health since the death of his wife, and the desire of the three to be ordained together, as they have been classmates in the Seminary.

Rev. Chiga, another member of the Committee, added that some of the candidates had stated that they felt a lack of preparation for taking the examination at this time.

Time of Ordination. Voted that in case there is opportunity to hold a special meeting of the Joint Ministerium before the time of the next Convention, the three candidates for ordination, Evangelists Okuma, Tsuboike, and Takase, may be ordained at such time; otherwise their ordination must wait until the next Annual Convention.

Ministerial Acts. In compliance with a constitutional requirement, inquiry was made as to whether the sacraments had been administered by any unordained men during the past year.

Reported by Rev. J. K. Linn: Private communion was administered by Evangelist Takase to one Fukuda Ritsu, a woman at Omuta who was seriously ill.

Reported by Rev. Ishimatsu: Baptism administered to a man at Omuta (with Evangelist Takase's consent and approval) by an itinerant evangelist of another church, who had been instrumental in leading the man to faith in Christ.

Mr. Takase was called before the Ministerium and asked for an explanation with regard to these matters. The facts were verified. In light of his explanations, the special circumstances were recognized and the acts were approved, but at the same time Mr. Takase was admonished to exercise greater care in the future in dealing with similar cases, and in no case to administer the sacraments until he had made every reasonable effort to secure the services of an ordained minister.

Election. The results of the election held were as follows:
President—Rev. E. T. Horn.
Examining Committee—Revs. Takimoto, Chiga, Hepner, and J. K. Linn.

Closing Hymn—No. 260.
The Lord's Prayer.
Benediction by Rev. E. T. Horn.

MEETING OF JOINT MINISTERIUM

(Second Session)

Sept. 10, 1924, 8:15 P.M.

Opening Hymn—No. 260.

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:1 ff.

Prayer—Rev. R. Ishimatsu.

Roll Call—All members of the Ministerium in attendance at this Convention answered to roll call except Rev. Heins, who was excused.

Rev. Shigehiko Sato was introduced to the Ministerium by the President, Rev. E. T. Horn.

The Joint Executive Committee, having satisfied itself as to Rev. Sato's credentials, recommended to the Joint Ministerium that he be admitted as a member of that organization and as a minister in the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Note: It was stated that Rev. Sato had presented a certificate of his ordination from the Secretary of the Taikwai (General Assembly) of the Nihon Kirisuto Kyokwai (Japan Church of Christ); also his application to the Secretary of the Taikwai asking for his transfer to the Lutheran Church, and a reply from the Secretary of the Taikwai stating that he should apply to the Chukwai (District Conference) for such a transfer. So, as the Chukwai would not meet until later, it was impossible for him to get his formal transfer in time for our Convention. These papers were accepted as evidence of good faith and of his intention to secure the formal transfer as soon as possible, and action was taken on the basis of these credentials pending the receipt of the proper transfer papers.

Some discussion followed, both before and after Mr. Sato's retirement from the room.

On motion it was unanimously voted to receive Rev. Shigehiko Sato as a regular member of the Joint Ministerium and of the Convention of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. Sato was again called in and was informed of the action taken.

Closing Hymn—No. 162.

Prayer—Revs. Sato and Chiga.

Lord's Prayer.

Benediction—President E. T. Horn.

APPENDIX

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Rev. D. G. M. Bach	Rev. T. Tsuboike.

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